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1. IN RESPONSE TO AN INQUIRY BY THE POLCOUNS ON POLITICAL PRISONERS AFFECTED BY THE COMMUTATION ACT OF 1975, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE (GIO) DIRECTOR TING MAO-SHIH (DING MOU-SHIH 0002/2021/2514) HAS PROVIDED THE EMBASSY WITH A LIST OF SEVEN POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THEIR PRESENT STATUS UNDER THE ACT.

2. ACCORDING TO THE LIST PROVIDED, THREE PROMINENT POLITICAL PRISONERS--LI AO (2621/2407), HSIEH TSUNG-MIN (6200/5115/2404), AND WEI TING-CHAO--WERE "NOT ELIGIBLE" FOR COMMUTATION. THE SENTENCE OF KUO YI-TUNG (6753/5902/3159 AKA PO YANG) WAS COMMUTED FROM 12 TO 8 YEARS, THAT OF SUN TUNG-CHI (5685/2639/0796 FROM LIFE TO 15 YEARS, AND THAT OF LIN SHUI-CHUAN (2651/3055/3123) FROM 15 YEARS TO 10.

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3. THE INFORMATION IN PARA 2 ABOVE CONFIRMS AND AMPLIFIES

INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN REFTELS. THE ONLY NEW
NAME ON THE GIO LIST IS LI CHIN-SUN (WE ASSUME THIS IS
ACTUALLY LI CHING-SUN, 2621/5427/5549, INDICTED IN 1971
FOR COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES AND SENTENCED TO LIFE
IMPRISONMENT), WHOSE LIFE SENTENCE WAS REDUCED TO 15
YEARS.

4. ALTHOUGH TING HAS PROMISED TO FORWARD TO THE EMBASSY
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION "WHEN IT IS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE
AUTHORITIES CONCERNED," WE DOUBT THAT SUCH INFORMATION WILL
BE FORTHCOMING IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. UNGER

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